

HEIRS OF NATHANIEL HILLEN.

DECEMBER 28, 1831.

Mr. CAVE JOHNSON, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the petition of Robert Hillen, report:

That said petitioner alleges that a certain tract of land, lying in the parish of East Baton Rouge, was settled and cultivated by Isham Hillen, as early as the year 1807; and that after his death, Nathaniel Hillen settled upon the same and cultivated it; and that the same has been possessed and cultivated for the benefit of the heirs of Nathaniel Hillen, who are minors under the age of twenty-one years; and that the petitioner is their uncle, and petitions for their benefit. He also represents, that an agent was employed to file a notice of their claim with the land commissioners, and who omitted to do so, and that he was uninformed as to that fact until lately; and prays a confirmation of title to the heirs of Nathaniel Hillen.

The statements of the petition, as to habitation and cultivation of the land in the year 1807 by Isham Hillen, and afterwards by Nathaniel Hillen, and by Peter Bailly in the years 1815 and 1816, for the benefit of the heirs of Nathaniel Hillen, and since that time by Robert Hillen for the use and benefit of the heirs of Nathaniel Hillen, are substantially proven by the testimony submitted to them.

And the committee are of opinion, that the heirs of said Nathaniel Hillen would have been entitled to said land, had a claim for and in their behalf been filed with the commissioners of the United States, under the act of 1812, ch. 67, sec. 8; and which said claims, so filed, were afterwards confirmed by the act of 1819, ch. 510, sec. 3; and that the infant heirs of Nathaniel Hillen ought not to be deprived of their right to the land, by the inattention, omission, or neglect of their friends; and therefore report a bill for their relief.

